

# **INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 6, 2005

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Indianapolis Post # 52, with the following members in attendance:

Major Ray Benn	Jamie Bogan
Captain John Clawson	Mike Dearing
Captain Diane Sweeney	Lenora Price (Proxy for D. Michael Paxton)
Chief Timothy Viles	Mary Ellen Scheiber
Sheriff Tom Debaun	John Wall
Linda Adams	

Advisory members present: Sergeant John Richards

### **OPENING COMMENTS**

Chairman Benn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

### **NEW REPRESENTATIVES**

Chairman Benn introduced two (2) new Area Representatives, Mary Ellen Scheiber (Area II) and John Wall for (Area IV) and welcomed them to the Board.

### **CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 MEETING**

Being there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, they were accepted, as written. Motion by Michael Dearing and seconded by Captain Clawson.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Training and Certification Program**

Michael Dearing distributed copies of the changes to the Training and Certification Program to the audience. The reason for the changes is for the new system and changes made in terminology and procedures.

As Mr. Dearing read through the document, there were changes/additions suggested by committee members and the audience.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **IDACS Committee Chairman Report**

#### **New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendations from the System Security Officers and the System Coordinator, the following additional terminals and new terminal agencies have been approved.

(Refer to the listings that were handed out due to the number involved).

Chairman Benn pointed out that on the new terminal agencies, we had Gaming listed. Gaming now by statute has enforcement personnel and will be IDACS certified.

#### **Terminal Operators Approved**

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved twelve (12) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions. The Chairman added it was not an easy task. There is something about seeing all these people arrested and then giving them a position. The law says if they have done their time or if they have not been convicted of a felony, you can't hold that against them. Based on that they have been approved.

### **IDACS Coordinator Report**

Mr. Dearing reported the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the IDACS Newsletter has been printed and brought some extra copies for the committee members. The Newsletter is also out on the web page; eventually it will be put on Omnixx under the "Help" tab.

There have been some training issues he wants to mention. It has been brought to their attention that other people have been helping operators take their test. We will be taking more serious steps to control this when we find out this is happening. At some point in time, we will take some drastic measures to curtail it. That could be, depending on the number of violations, we could come in some day and have everyone that is a certified operator to take a written test. We have tried to accommodate agencies by allowing on-line testing and it helps us also. We would appreciate it if the Coordinators will monitor some of this and try to impress upon the people taking the test, if you pass the test and someone sues your agency because of a mistake you made as an operator, you are responsible, even if someone took the test for you. It is your certification; you should take the test. Please discuss this subject at your Area Meetings.

The Chairman's comment was that the Ethics Commission and the Inspectors General's Office is making it a point to make sure ethics is a point that is being stepped up in our society. It is something to pay some attention to in the future, he doesn't know if it will be easier to get an ethics violation or not.

Mr. Dearinger also stated the schedule for classes has been completed and will try to get it into the IDACS Trainer and it is on the web page.

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Captain Clawson pointed out that page 5 of the new Newsletter has an article that Troy Scott put together concerning “cheating”.

Captain Clawson said IDACS is a voluntary compliant system to a degree, that is, you can make things look good when they are there for the audit portion, but when they walk out the door, they recognize that a number of things can go on that they wouldn't necessarily approve of, but it is on the honor system. We have some checks and balances, but to say 350 agencies can be held under our thumb is unrealistic. One of the things we have done with respect to cheating, even though it is an open book environment, doesn't mean that you are able to obtain a document of someone else who compromised the system, wrote down all the questions and all the answers and then created a book so you can sit there and take it. There has to be a learning environment when you come to class. New operators coming to take a certification, based on this and a number of other issues, we have elected that when you come to the 3-day class, and this is a revision to the manual, it says you return to your agency and take an on-line test. That is not the case any longer, while you are there we are going to put forth the additional hour that it requires to paper test you so that we can ensure that at least one time in your career, you show a minimum level of proficiency.

Linda Adams asked about as part of the open book test, the resources you should be able to use. This does include the Lesson Plan, the IDACS Manual, and the IAC.

Chairman Benn wanted everyone to look at the last page of the Newsletter, the article about protecting your IDACS terminal from viruses. Please pay attention to this; there is nothing scarier than a virus attack. Captain Clawson added that this would now be a part of the audit process, regarding your virus protection, including a valid license and your latest update. Even though you do not have a device that is connected to the Internet, you are still at risk.

### **IDACS Security Officer's Reports**

**Sgt. John Richards** reported two (2) agencies with violations. Chesterton Police Department ran a Triple I and got a soundex hit on two (2) other people. They printed it all out and put it in the case report. The other people went to court and through Motion of Discovery the defense attorney was able to obtain three (3) Triple I's. Two of the people were not involved in it. It is imperative that you stress to your agency that when your people get a soundex hit, it needs to be shredded. It is not part of that case.

Terre Haute Police Department was using a “Training ID and password”.

Kelly Dignin and Vivian Nowaczewski (IDACS Trainers) have been involved in a Working Group with a number of judges, clerks and court magistrates, working on producing a document of best practices pertaining to Protective Orders. As part of this, the law states that whatever agency receives a Protective Order they shall make the entry in the system. Most of the magistrates and judges had no idea there is more than one (1) terminal agency per county. Now there is a problem, especially in the Northwestern part of the state getting multiple agencies receiving the PO and consequently have multiple

entries and/or the worst part about it, where they are sitting there waiting until another agency enters it so they won't need to and then it is not getting out.

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Sgt. Richards opened the subject to the board members how they feel about specifying which agency will be required to make this entry. It could be discussed among yourselves, Sheriff Debaun take it to the Sheriff's Association for feedback and Chief Viles to the Indiana Chiefs Association. We could then do a conference call with a representative of the Associations and the Board and try to get this legislated actually and change that bit of legislation that says, "Each agency that receives a Protective Order shall make the entry". Another suggestion would be that the petitioner could specify which agency they would want.

Sheriff Debaun said Sheriff Departments are taking on more and as usual no one is passing the hat for us and so it is another of those un-funded mandates. Personally he is up to his ears in them, but has been fortunate to get the assistance of the city department because they share a facility.

Chief Viles referred to a situation when Ted Cook, at Mooresville Police Department, was entering and found out it had already been entered as a Protective Order from the County. Then it was a decision if he would be in violation for not putting it in, but if he put it in, like said earlier, you have a duplicated entry. He thinks they ended up not entering it, but it was in the system. We have not gone the other way; found anything that has not been entered and was just sitting around. As an Administrator, that would upset him if they had someone waiting for somebody else to do it. His question goes back to the originating agency. He was in a meeting a couple of weeks ago working with the other Sheriff Departments, State Police, FOP, and Fire Departments on legislative issues. This will be a short session with not much done and something this important would probably be better served coming from the State. He doesn't think there would be any non-support coming from any of law enforcement, be it Sheriffs or Police Chiefs. He would like to see something in there about if it's a town, if it's a jurisdiction, then let them put it in. The most important thing is getting it down in writing and working it out. He thinks all of us would work together to do it.

## **AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

**Area I**           Jamalyn Bogan – They have not held a meeting yet, it will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Area II**           Mary Ellen Scheiber –They had a meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Snyder was presiding and elections were held. Mary Ellen was elected as the new Area Representative.

When they have an MDD, when you run a 1028, it automatically runs a 1027 on the social security number of the person. It may not always be the driver or be the right person due to someone entering it wrong, but sometimes it does help. Is it a possibility it could be statewide, when you run a 1028, automatically running a 1027.

Kelly Dignin said this has been brought up before and it was decided not to do that; it does not run an accurate records check.

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**Area III** Linda Adams – They had a meeting the previous week. They had three (3) main questions that came up and most of those have already been answered.

There was a question about the Detainer File and she has been talking with Mike Dearingier about it.

Are there any plans to have a new revised Code Manual? Mike Dearingier answered not unless NCIC publishes a new one. All the Codes for Omnixx are in the system; there is a drop down box to use.

**Area IV** John Wall – They met at Rushville Police Department on September 30<sup>th</sup> and at that time, IDACS Security Officer, John Clawson attended the meeting. The main purpose was to get a new Area Representative, of which he (John Wall) was voted in. Several things were discussed.

**Area V** Captain Diane Sweeney – They held a meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Dan Drzewiecki of the Indianapolis Police Department wanted to make the surrounding counties aware that there was a major gun theft on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton County. Over 200 weapons were stolen. He has a list of serial numbers if anyone wishes to pick one up from him. They are trying to help the ATF.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

A question from the audience was about if it would be possible when they run a 1027 or 1028, if they could find out about insurance, and if they have a Firearms Permit. Mike Dearingier and Captain Clawson both said that is a project the BMV is working on now.

Also, when they run 1027's and 1028's on their MDT's to inquire on Registrations to get social security numbers, could they pull up what he owns or she owns or pull up both names.

Mike Dearingier answered that currently BMV does not allow for that, they only list one (1) social security number, if the citizen wants to give it to them. You are not required to give a social security number for Registrations.

Captain Clawson asked Kelly Dignin if the STARS Project is addressing that. Kelly answered they are.

IPD asked about if the STARS Project would enable to check on a partial plates search.

Mike Dearingier said he didn't think so; it has nothing to do with searches for partial plates. Those will still need to be requested through us.

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### **AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Someone in the audience asked about IDACS Refresher Courses. Kelly Dignin stated on the new class schedule, there is some listed for the northern half of the state, at this time.

Captain Clawson addressed Dan Drzewiecki from IPD regarding the Training and Certification Manual. After it was shown to Ken Wilson, he had some concerns and issues because of being a Regional Center, that it was different. Captain Clawson said they modified it to make accommodations; like we had listed that classes start at a certain time, he teaches classes on weekends and the off-shifts, etc. We made modifications to address the IPD concerns regarding that as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006, (10:00 a.m.) at the Indiana State Police Post (D #52), 8500 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN.**

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